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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.378(c), filed February 9, 2011, to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of a maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The patent issued March 12, 2002. The last day of the grace period for paying the 7.5-year maintenance fee was March 12, 2010. Therefore, since this petition was filed within twenty-four months after the six-month grace period provided in 37 CFR 1.362(e), this petition was timely filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.378(c).

The maintenance fee is hereby accepted and the above-identified patent is reinstated as of the mail date of this decision.

It is not apparent whether the person signing the instant petition was ever given a power of attorney or authorization of agent to prosecute this patent. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.34(a), the signature appearing on the petition shall constitute a representation to the United States Patent and Trademark Office that he/she is authorized to represent the particular party in whose behalf he/she acts. While a courtesy copy of this decision is being mailed to the person signing the instant petition, all future correspondence will be directed solely to the address currently of record until such time as appropriate instructions are received to the contrary.

Petitioner should note that submission of a power of attorney and/or a change of correspondence address would not affect the fee address. Therefore, if petitioner desires to receive future correspondence, which **may** be mailed regarding maintenance fees for the above-identified patent, the "fee address" and/or "customer number" forms should be submitted to the Maintenance Fee Division.

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